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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/655,023                      Group Art Unit: 2456  
Filing Date: September 5, 2003              Examiner: Kevin S. Mai  
Applicant: Rupert MAIER et al.  
Title: METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING NETWORK NODES IN  
A SUBNETWORK  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 24, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
<b>Total</b>	26	-	26	=	0
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